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Act No.148 (H.731). Labor; workers' compensation; occupational safety and health

An act relating to miscellaneous workers' compensation and occupational safety amendments

This act clarifies the anti-retaliation provision for the workers' compensation law and makes it consistent with other anti-retaliation provisions in Title 21, extends the sunset on the provision permitting a worker to obtain a 14-day extension on workers' compensation benefits upon receipt of notice of the employer's intention to discontinue the benefits, and requires the Office of Legislative Council to prepare a report regarding Vermont's debarment statutes. This act also sets the Workers' Compensation Administration Fund's rate of contribution for the direct calendar year premium for workers' compensation insurance and requires the Commissioner of Labor to report on the potential for the General Assembly to delegate to the Commissioner the authority to set the contribution rate. In addition, this act permits the Department of Labor to send a single notice of a violation of the VOSHA Code, which contains both a citation for the violation and a notice of the proposed penalty.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on May 21, 2018